GOVERNOR'S REASONS FOR VETO:

"This resolution to sue would...unduly waste the limited resources of this state by forcing it to continue to defend claims that have twice before been adjudicated," the Governor said.

SPONSOR'S VIEW:

Rep. McWilliams was unavailable for comment.

Permission for Billy Bob Berry to sue the state (HCR 86 by Bush)

DIGEST:

HCR 86 would have granted Billy Bob Berry permission to sue the State of Texas and Grayson County College. Berry alleged that the college had advised him to withdraw from the school of nursing because his minor hearing handicap would prevent him from passing the necessary exams, although it had earlier assured him that his handicap would present no problem.

GOVERNOR'S REASONS FOR VETO:

The Governor said the resolution was unnecessary because a junior college can already be sued under Tex. Educ. Code secs. 23.26 and 130.084. He also said the resolution would unjustifiably expose the state to liability because the state is not responsible under the law for the alleged acts or omissions of Grayson County College.

SPONSOR'S VIEW:

Rep. Bush's office said Rep. Bush understood the Governor's point of view and knew that the resolution was not strictly necessary. He wanted the resolution passed as a backup just in case the statute allowing the college to be sued was misinterpreted by the court, staff members said.

Permission for J. Scoggins and G. Gammage to sue the state (HCR 137 by Sam Hudson)

DIGEST:

This resolution would have given two former commissioners of the Texas Commission for the Deaf, Jim Scoggins and Gerry Gammage, permission to sue the state and the Attorney General. While they were commissioners, Scoggins and Gammage were named as parties to a law suit filed by a former executive director of the commission. They allege that the